

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

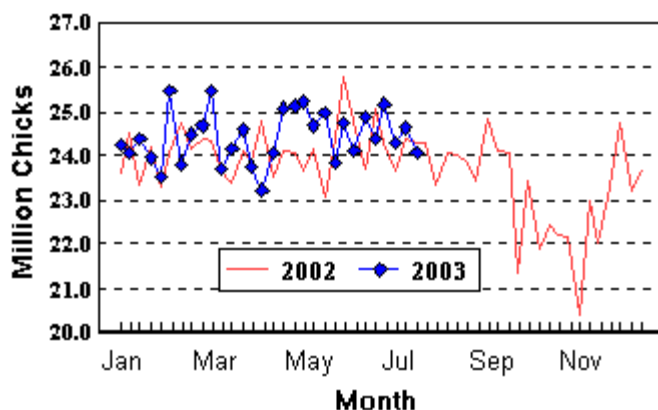
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending July 26, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and down 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 26, 2003 were 733.0 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.2 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.3 percent.

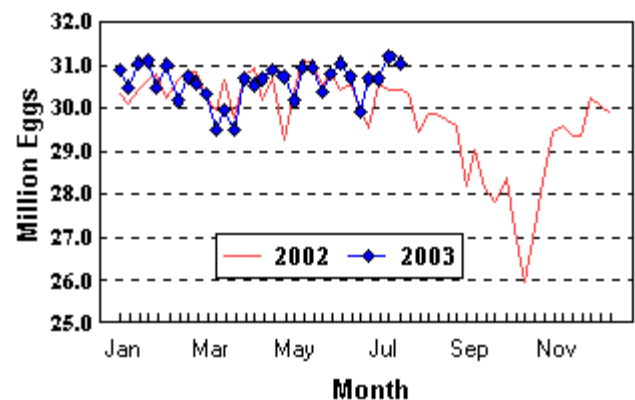
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 26, 2003, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down fractionally from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jun. 21	23,720	24,892	105	25,422	25,268	99	30,594	30,754	101
Jun. 28	25,058	24,413	97	25,606	25,540	100	29,971	29,935	100
Jul. 5	24,317	25,195	104	25,365	25,629	101	29,561	30,676	104
Jul. 12	23,672	24,296	103	25,372	25,097	99	30,567	30,669	100
Jul. 19	24,387	24,630	101	24,901	24,754	99	30,449	31,196	102
Jul. 26	24,316	24,078	99	24,529	25,245	103	30,422	31,054	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	05-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul		21-Jun	28-Jun	05-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	
Alabama	28,576 *	28,780	29,254	28,850	97	22,257	22,095	21,694	21,518	21,614	21,796	103
ARKANSAS	30,676	30,669	31,196 *	31,054	102	24,892	24,413	25,195	24,296	24,630	24,078	99
Delaware	3,649	3,701	3,902 *	3,903	109	5,579	5,557	5,137	5,437	5,503 *	5,346	94
Florida	1,335 *	1,329	1,354	1,328	56	1,704	1,793	1,732	1,784 *	1,601 *	1,894	84
Georgia	32,076 *	32,401	32,720	32,632	101	26,220	26,574	26,129	25,263	25,196 *	25,676	100
Kentucky	6,597	6,679	6,703	6,770	102	5,761	5,891	6,103	5,330	5,122 *	5,232	101
Maryland	9,267	9,482	9,469	9,467	97	5,566	5,486	5,692 *	5,825 *	5,169 *	5,541	100
Mississippi	18,676 *	19,375	19,377	18,726	98	16,759	16,696	16,390 *	15,939	16,121	15,904	103
N. Carolina	17,671 *	17,235	17,341	17,599	95	14,877	15,269	14,443	14,966	13,487	14,060	93
Oklahoma	5,922	6,424	6,457	6,445	95	4,119	4,785	3,932	4,721	3,952	4,926	124
Pennsylvania	3,818	3,714 *	4,013 *	3,824	104	2,696	2,632	2,755	2,746 *	2,600 *	2,676	96
S. Carolina	4,415	4,492	4,586	4,528	95	4,144	3,968	3,802	4,555	4,355	4,014	110
Texas	14,756	14,443	14,740	14,712	100	12,635	12,522	12,424	12,328	11,537	12,271	102
Virginia	6,538	6,259	6,384	6,471	107	5,763	5,514	6,219	5,336	5,298	5,374	105
CA,LA,MO,TN,WV	21,130 *	20,417	20,330 *	20,212	103	19,638	19,069	19,778	19,170	18,837 *	18,744	94
Total 2003	205,102 *	205,400 *	207,826 *	206,521		172,610	172,264	171,425 *	169,214 *	165,022 *	167,532	
Total 2002	206,891	209,239	209,219	207,984		172,818	172,481	172,394	168,933	166,514	167,733	
%Prev. Year	99	98	99	99		100	100	99	100	99	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						09-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	06-Sep	13-Sep	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 207 million eggs during the week ending July 26, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 26, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 26, 2003 were 5.04 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.